

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 24, 2003
1647 E. Morten, Training Room**

Members Present:

Michel Sucher (Chairman), MD
Dan Judkins
Steve Thompson, MD
Roy L. Ryals
Stuart Alt, MD
Scott Petersen, MD
Nancy Shaver

Sgt. Rich Thacher
John Porter, MD
Sheri Farr Jordan
David Bank, MD
Jim Morgan
Shelagh O'Connor

Members Absent:

Michael J. Seby, MD
Charles Frank Allen, MD
Ingrid Bachtel

BEMS Staff Present:

Lorenzo Henry
Judi Crume
Chuck Kramer
Donna Meyer
Susan Nicolas
Dona Markley
Betty Yunick
Larry Heidenberg
Suzy Baulch

Guests Present:

Carey Pleasant
Terrence Loftus
Mark Venuti
Robinelle Schroder
Whitney Erickson
Tracey Edwards
Robin Hardin
Troy Levitt
Liana Neyan

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chairman, Michel Sucher, called a regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Stuart Alt seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the agenda for April 24, 2003 and the minutes of January 24, 2003 with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rose Conner, Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Board:

- We are awaiting the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) recommendations
- We are in the process of doing an analysis of the impact of the recommendations against the Governor's ledger
- The trauma money that has been allocated to the department has not been used and we hope to continue having this money in the fund for next year
- There may be money taken out of the EMS Operating fund at the end of the year for Proposition 203
- There are significant budget cuts throughout the Arizona Department of Health Services

- A request was submitted to the staff at the Legislature regarding language for \$100,000 to come out of the tobacco tax or general fund to use for trauma designation activities for next year which is still going through legislative discussion
- During the first week of May 2003 we will meeting with our legislative liaison to draft new language which will give the Bureau authority to provide for designation of trauma services beginning in 2005
- We have established a foundation to designate the current seven trauma centers as the designated number one trauma systems for funding for 2002 to the legislature and AHCCCS. They are drafting the rules for the distribution of Proposition 202
- All of the Department of Health Services employees will be moving downtown to the new building
- The Bureau of EMS will be moving on July 18, 2003 the new office is located at 150 North 18th Avenue on the 5th floor

IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. **Membership Update** – Michel Sucher reported that Mark Tellier resigned and that Stewart Hamilton has been appointed by the Director for the category of “Representative from the Western Regional Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Systems”.

There are two vacancies on the committee:

- Representative from National Association of Retired Persons
- Representative from Statewide Rehabilitation Facility

Michel Sucher reported that there are five memberships that expired in January on the Board. Michel Sucher asked the Board for any recommendations for possible candidates for these positions.

- B. **Introduction of Suzy Baulch**

Michel Sucher introduced the new Trauma Program Administrator, Suzy Baulch to the Committee.

- C. **EMS Rules Update** – In the process of the Chapter 25 Rules Revision there have been over 22 informal stakeholders meetings and within these meetings is a core group. We are ready to go in to a formal process.

Judi thanked the committee for all their work in this process. She asked if anyone had any questions that they need to talk to Dona Markley, Rules Analyst. The goal is to have them finished by January 2004.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. **STAB Executive Committee** – The committee did not meet.
- B. **AZTQ Committee** – John Porter stated that the AZTQ has completed their goal of establishing a trauma registry with required data elements. He asked for two proposals for discussion. One is that the new direction for the AZTQ Committee be to focus on quality improvement and that a trauma registry user group be established.

AZQT Committee will look at quality improvement. He also recommended that the committee have a broader membership to handle quality issues. Part of the state designation plan is that there be a quality and performance improvement component.

A motion was made by Scott Petersen seconded by Stuart Alt to form a workgroup called the Trauma Registry User Group (TUG) and keep the same membership as the current AZTQ Committee. **Motion carried.**

This may require a Bylaws change to form a different membership for AZTQ and possibly create Bylaws for the Trauma Registry User Group.

It was recommended that, if needed, the STAB Executive Committee meet to work out the changes in the Bylaws.

Item:	Bylaws Change
Follow Up:	STAB Executive Committee
When:	To Be Determined
Who:	John Porter

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trauma System Update – STAB’s recommendation for provisional designation was forwarded to the rule writers at AHCCCS. The Hospital Association has been working with AHCCCS to see if that can be incorporated into the rules. The plan is to move forward to create the language for full system development and trauma system development for next year. System development has moved forward into looking at regional planning. These are being incorporated into the system development in the EMS and Trauma Plan.

B. Injury Prevention Plan – As of October 1st the Bureau of EMS was provided the opportunity for the Injury Prevention Plan to be a part of the trauma system. The Injury Prevention Plan has been completed and provided to the members. For the next year we are going to have two focuses.

- The Governor’s focus is falls in the elderly
- Motor vehicle crashes in the Indian Nation

David Banks discussed the Pediatric Education Program (PEP) program which is targeting the BLS providers in rural areas to educate them on pediatric care. Part of this program is trauma. The first program was done and we are in the process of collecting data. This will be marketed at the regional councils. The program is free. We have equipment for the Central Region and we are getting ready to distribute the other three full sets to the other regions.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Current Mission Statement – It was recommended that this item be an agenda item for the STAB Executive Committee. Please send any recommendations or suggestions sent to Michel Sucher. Then this item will come back to STAB for approval.

Item: Current Mission Statement
Follow Up: STAB Executive Committee
When: Next Meeting To Be Determined
Who: Michel Sucher

- B. Bureau Medical Direction** – Michel Sucher stated that he has been the Acting Medical Director for about fifteen months. The Department has decided to initiate a search process. He stated that one representative from this committee is needed for a review panel. Michel Sucher stated that he does intend to apply for this position. Two members of the committee volunteered to be the representative: Roy Ryals and John Porter. Each member voted for the representative they wanted. The majority vote was for John Porter to be the representative from STAB.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

IX. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2nd and 3rd the Annual Trauma Conference will be held in Tucson. It was recommended that a representative from STAB be a part of this conference and that the Bureau of EMS also have a table at the conference.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board will be held on June 19th at 1647 E. Morten, Training Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Approved by STAB on 6/19/03